



Town of Groton - Public Works

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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell, and John Webster.

Thursday, June 25, 2009

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 3

Special Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Gordon Lange and David Russell
Members Absent: Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison and John Webster

Staff: Rick Norris, Project Manager - School Construction, Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.

Other: Paul Kadri, Superintendent of Schools, Mark Oefinger, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Gordon Lange, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell and John Webster

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) June 4, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. LaFrance to accept the meeting minutes of June 4, 2009 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Chairman DeMatto was copied on a letter from the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) to John Silsby. The letter implies that the PSBC takes part in the site selection process for proposed new schools. This is incorrect, the PSBC is an oversight committee charged with ensuring that the instructions of the Phase II Committee approved by the voters are followed. A copy of the GOSA letter is being forwarded to John Scott, Chairperson of the Phase II Committee.

(b) School Building Project Updates

Mr. Norris reviewed the status of the three school projects with the Committee. The elementary schools are complete. There are two open contracts for Northeast Academy and one for Catherine Kolnaski. Two of the open contracts are with the electrical contractor who will meet with the Town Attorney Monday to resolve their contract dispute. Lightning protection for the fire alarm panels has been completed at all three schools and Fuss & O'Neill will inspect them this week. The lightning protection is the last expenditure for the elementary schools. A letter will be sent to the Superintendent of Schools requesting that he submit a document to the Bureau of School Facilities stating that the elementary schools are complete. Upon receipt of these documents the State will have 6 months to conduct an audit.

Mr. Norris then reviewed the Fitch High School project. The Certificate of Occupancy has been received. The Certificate of Site Plan Compliance should be received next month. Mr. Norris will send a letter to the State to let them know that the Merritt property field has been restored. The group discussed the items to be completed including the repair of leaking windows.

(c) Resolution to accept Fitch High School

Following the review of the Fitch High School project a motion was made by Mr. LaFrance and seconded by Mr. Russell to recommend a resolution to the Board of Education to accept the Fitch High School project as complete. The Resolution read

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Groton authorized bonding for \$45,000,000 in referendum on April 27, 2004 for Additions and Renovation to Fitch High School (State Project Number 059-178), and

WHEREAS, the project was substantially completed on June 8, 2009 and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued by the Town Building Official on June 17, 2009: and

WHEREAS, the new addition to the building and grounds have been occupied, maintained, and operated by the Groton Public Schools since opening the addition on February 25, 2008: and

WHEREAS, the renovated portion of the school has been occupied, maintained, and operated since the opening day of school on August 28, 2008: and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works in his letter of June 18, 2009 to the Permanent School Building Committee reported that the project has been completed, with those exceptions noted in his letter, and recommended to the Committee for acceptance by the Board of Education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Permanent School Building Committee recommends to the Superintendent of School that the Board of Education formally accept Fitch High School.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM